GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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WEAPONS TO COUNTER NAXALITES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the `Special Officers` nominated to counter Naxalites in affected States particularly in Chhattisgarh are required to deposit their weapon at night;

(b) if so, the details thereof`;

(c) whether naxalites attack tribes when these special officers deposit their weapons at night;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to waive of the requirement of depositing weapons at night by such special officers; and

(e) if so, the time by which this arrangement is likely to be withdrawn?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (e): There are no standard guidelines with regard to arming/disarming of Special Police Officers. The position varies from State to State depending upon the prevailing ground situation. However, the Central Government continues to impress upon the naxal affected States the need to strengthen the vigil and intelligence-gathering mechanism, and tighten up procedures to counter such attacks by naxalites.